

PROGRESS REPORT
OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY
APRIL 19, 1993

I. Status of CDBG

- a. Letters soliciting support for ASPIRA's Community Development Block Grant were sent to:
 - 1. All Newark City Council Members
 - 2. Congressman Robert Menendez

II. Proposals

The following proposals were sent during March:

- a. \$75,000 in general support of ASPIRA's administrative operations was sent to the Victoria Foundation.
- b. \$50,000 in general support of our programs to the Prudential Foundation
- c. \$20,00 request for Counseling Services for the 1993 Camden County Human Services Grant.
- d. \$2,000 request for Dropout Prevention/Leadership Development from the City of Paterson, Department of Community Development (please note: this is the maximum that can be requested).

III. Meetings

The following meetings were held during the month of March:

- a. State Senator and Newark City Council Member Ronald Rice
- b. State Senator Wynona Lipman
- c. Executive Directors of ASPIRA of Pennsylvania, Inc. and ASPIRA of New York
- d. Mayor William J. Pascrell, Jr., City of Paterson

IV. TV Tapings

The first tapings of the ASPIRA program to be broadcast on cable TV were made on March 30.

V. Speaking Engagements

Fernando Fuentes, Executive Director, addressed the Trenton Board of Education on March 22, 1993.

VI. Contributions

The following contributions were received:

- a. \$1500 from The Bunbury Company, Inc., Princeton, NJ
- b. \$1000 from Supermarkets General Corp., Woodbridge, NJ
- c. \$1000 from National Westminster Bancorp, Jersey City, NJ

The following capital campaign contributions were received:

- a. \$10,000 representing the second installment of a \$30,000 pledge from Goya Foods, Inc.
- b. \$250 representing the third installment of a \$1,000 pledge from Alan Lowenstein of Lowenstein, Sandler, Kohl, Fisher & Boylan

VII. Space Availability

Letters were sent to the following regarding rental space availability on the first floor:

- a. University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey
- b. The Honorable Ronald L. Rice
- c. The Honorable Thomas J. D'Alessio
- d. Glenn A. Grant, Business Administrator, City of Newark
- e. Passaic County Community College - We received a response from Hector Ortiz, Dean of Student & Cultural Affairs stating that they cannot provide space to us at this time due to the growth in student enrollment.

VIII. 25th Anniversary Gala

Contact was made with The Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. Two dates are being held for us :

- a. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1993
- b. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1993

A letter was sent to Joseph Unanue, President, Goya Foods, Inc. thanking him for agreeing to chair this event and requesting that he assign someone from his staff to work with us.

IX. Letters of Congratulations

Letters of congratulations from the Board of Directors were sent to the following:

- a. William Waldman on his appointment as Commissioner, State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services

- b. Diana D. Montes on her appointment to the municipal court of the City of Newark.
- c. Luis C. Caban on his recognition by the Newark Municipal Council for his efforts to promote voter registration among the Puerto Rican and Latino community.
- d. Mario K. Medina, President, Hispanic Organization of Students in Technology/Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, NJIT, on their first place finish at the SHPE Regional Olympiad in Washington, DC.

X. Follow-up letters:

At the request of the ASPIRA National Office follow-up letters were sent to the following:

- a. Ronald Le Grand, Nabisco Foods
- b. Trinita Brown, Education Aide to Congressman Donald Payne
- c. Ken Holdzman, Education Aide to Congressman Robert Andrews

Respectfully submitted:



Angela Corbo